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For: GAMING MACHINE HAVING)	
A PLAYER TIME-SELECTABLE)	
BONUS AWARD SCHEME AND)	
AN INTELLIGENT BUTTON)	

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered, and the references listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the references were previously submitted by the Applicant or cited by the Examiner for Parent U.S. Application No. 10/611,626 filed June 30, 2003. In addition, copies of reference 6,102,394 and 6,117,010 are enclosed.


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Respectfully submitted,

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